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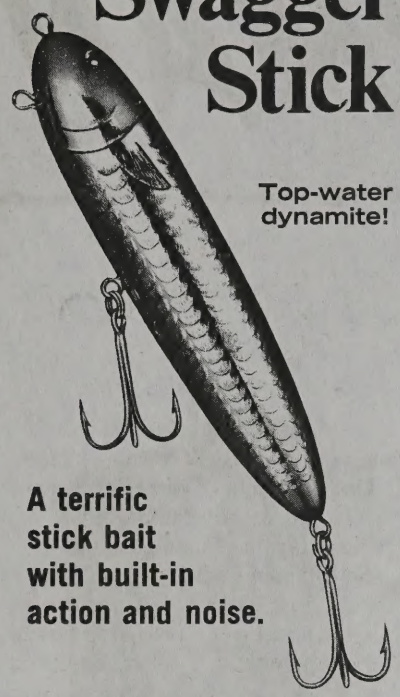
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IN REBUTTAL

Your editorial in the March 22nd issue about corn chum did not tell the full story about the letter you received from this Department. You neglected, for example, to include mention of Mr. Briggs' statement about corn chum being used as chum and bait for trout in Massachusetts. Without debating the value of corn chum, you should not give the impression that New York State is the only state in which corn chum is still used.

I regret that Mr. Briggs was not more explicit in explaining the "possibility" of our doing a laboratory study on the effects of corn chum. (Our scientists are taught to be succinct in their communications and sometimes this acts as a detriment.) Before we plunge blindly into any study, we first investigate to see if there is a problem that needs to be solved. This is done by contacting scientists in other states or other areas, and by reading the published literature on the subject.

If we find, for example, that a study has been carried on concerning the effects of corn chum in marine fishes, particularly the winter flounder, there is no need for us to duplicate this work. Research is necessarily an expensive endeavor and if we can benefit from the experience of others, all fishermen gain. If, on the other hand, we find there is a genuine need to make the study, then it will be done. This thought was implicit in use of the term, "possibility."

Sincerely,
Albert C. Jensen
Regional Supervisor of
Marine & Coastal Resources

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR PROTECTS L.I. WETLANDS

C.A.U.B., the Long Island based Coalition Against an Unsound Bridge, praised the recent decision of U.S. Department of the Interior not to grant easements for L.I. Sound bridge access routes across the 3,117 acre Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

"The Department of the Interior has demonstrated foresight and responsibility in protecting wetlands from local or state piece-by-piece encroachment. The government has fulfilled its mandate to preserve our nation's vanishing wetlands resources for future generations," said geophysicist-environmentalist Dr. Donald E. Cotten, head of C.A.U.B. "The Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge is an irreplaceable sanctuary, now being used as a migratory stop and wintering ground for waterfowl on the Atlantic flyway, and is also one of the last protected spawning grounds for game fish, crab, and other shellfish," said Cotten. "The birds themselves prefer that section of the wetlands which would be traversed by proposed bridge route N-2, as evidenced by their feeding habits."

New York State officials are presently studying ways to challenge the Interior Department's decision. C.A.U.B. hopes the state will re-examine its priorities and support the decision to protect this valuable tidal area.

HEMPSTEAD LAKE

Gentlemen:

I have become aware of the fact that Hempstead Lake in the Hempstead Lake State Park is closed to fishing. It is the purpose of this letter to inquire into the reason for this restriction. While I can understand that boating provides hazards, sufficient to forbid it, fishing does not.

Also given the shortage of adequate lakes and streams suitable for freshwater fishing and the dense population in the Nassau area, the addition of a large well stocked lake, such as Hempstead Lake, would provide the chance for many to enjoy fishing.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and informing me of the possibility of Hempstead Lake being open to licensed fishermen.

Donald W. Logan, III
Levittown, N.Y.

I was unaware of the situation at Hempstead Lake, till you drew it to my attention. After getting in touch with Al Kellar of the Department of Environmental Conservation, I was informed that although the Lake is administered by the State Park Commission, the water is actually owned by the City of New York, as a part of their reserve water supply.

Unlike other City owned reservoirs (such as Massapequa and Freeport Reservoirs), Hempstead Lake is fenced in and closed to fishing, even to holders of reservoir permits. Mr. Kellar, working in concert with the State Park Commission, is doing his best to get the Lake opened to fishermen, and that is how the matter stands at the moment.

Don Vetter

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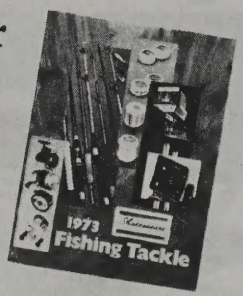

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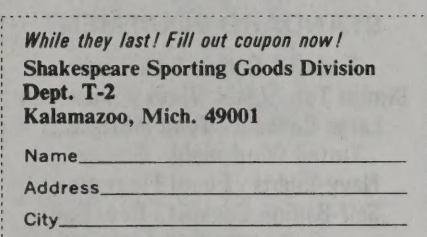

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THREAT TO N.Y. STATE WETLANDS

"The U.S. Department of the Interior's decision to prohibit intrusion by a Rye-Oyster Bay Bridge upon the wetlands of the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge is a deeply satisfying victory for conservation, but it is not the end of the battle against the bridge," commented Mrs. Robert Frederick, co-chairman of Citizens for Sound Planning.

"The New York State Assembly," she continued, "has just passed a bill protecting our tidal wetlands from destruction by private owners. Strangely enough, the bill fails to protect the wetlands from destruction by the State of New York. It restricts the 18,000,000 people of the State who may at some time own tidal wetlands acreage, - but not the State itself. And the Governor's determination to build the controversial Rye-Oyster Bay Bridge is well known. It is ironic that the Governor is so enthusiastic about the recently passed New York State Environmental Bond Issue which helps to buy wetlands, while at the same time he insists upon the State's having freedom to destroy wetlands for his particular projects.

"Marine biologists tell us that an acre of wetlands, once destroyed, is lost forever. This loss means that the total wetlands acreage of the State is thereby reduced permanently. Now, if the U.S. Department of the Interior protects the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge wetlands, what about the hundreds of acres of bridge-threatened wetlands in Rye at the other end of the proposed bridge? Are wetlands in Rye replaceable any more than wetlands in Oyster Bay? Can the people of the State of New York and of the United States afford wetlands destruction on one shore any more than on the other shore?"

The primary concern of Citizens for Sound Planning, a non-profit organization, is the care and conservation of Long Island Sound. Further information is available from P.O. Box 634, Rye, N.Y. 10580.

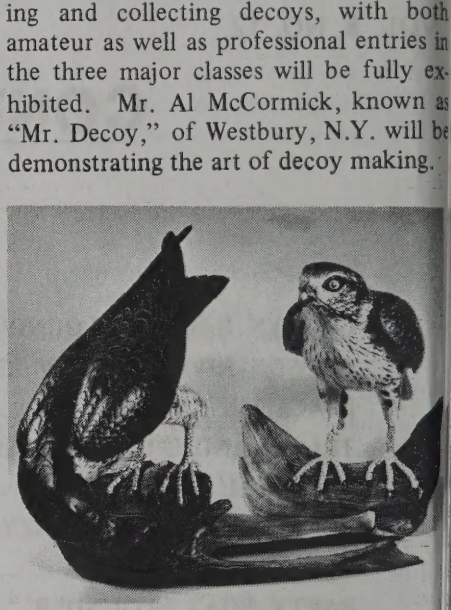
50th ANNIVERSARY of the U.S. NATIONAL DECOY SHOW

On April 7th and 8th, 1973, at the American Legion Hall in Babylon, N.Y., the U.S. National Decoy Show will hold its Golden Anniversary of one of the greatest, combine collections of antique decoys and hand crafted decoys that there is.

This organization, is a non profit one and all proceeds will be turned over to "Ducks Unlimited" for their continuing effort in conservation work of live ducks, protecting, maintaining and developing the nesting and breeding grounds in Canada.

Not only will this be a showing of the finest of antique, working and show decoys, but there will be several contests held, such as the First Annual Head Whittling Carving Contest, in memory of William J. Mackey, Jr.

Long Island's heritage of making, using and collecting decoys, with both amateur as well as professional entries in the three major classes will be fully exhibited. Mr. Al McCormick, known as "Mr. Decoy," of Westbury, N.Y. will be demonstrating the art of decoy making.



The Great South Bay Water Fowlers Association extend a hardy invitation to everyone interested in seeing what our forefathers used then and what the present day has brought forth. Admission is $1.00, and once again we remind you that the proceeds are donated to the finest cause there is, CONSERVATION.

READER INQUIRIES ANSWERED

In answer to several readers' questions concerning a parasite they found in codfish, we got in touch with Mr. Philip T. Briggs, Senior Aquatic Biologist (Marine) of the Department of Environmental Conservation. His answer, as related to our area, is quoted below . . . .

Don Vetter

"I have gone through our library and have come up with some information on the cod worm. By cod worm I mean the small parasitic nematode (round worm) properly known as Terranova-(Porrocaecum decipiens. Larvae of this worm run about ¼-inch long and are usually found coiled in a cyst (although sometimes they are free) in the musculature of cod (Gadus morhua) and several other fishes. The color of the darval worm is usually pink or red. The definitive or primary host is not the cod itself, which only harbors the larvae, but the harbor seal

Phoca vitulina). Other seals, including the harp seal (Phoca groenlandica) and the gray seal (Halichoerus grypus) are also definitive hosts.

"What is the effect of the parasite on man? Rae and Burgess (1965) state, and quote: "There is no evidence known to the authors of anyone having been found to be suffering from an illness attributable to the cod worm, Porrocaecum decipiens. Moreover, the worms are killed by ordinary cooking procedures and by freezing. The amount of heat involved in smoke curing, however, is not usually sufficient to destroy the worms in the process.'

"I am still not convinced wholly of the safety of eating the parasite even after the fish has been cooked. In October of 1963, a physician from New York City called the office and was referred to me. He noted that a patient of his who had eaten baked scrod was passing small pink nematodes in his feces. I suggested that these were cod worms and that he should call Dr. Ross Nigrelli at the New York Aquarium for confirmation and further advice. Dr. Nigrelli agreed that the nematodes were cod worms and he stated the parasite had no affect on humans; that he had seen many cases and they all prove negative because they (the cod worms) are digested by the system and disappear. In this case, the person involved ceased to pass the parasite and to my knowledge suffered no physical problems. However, the incident does lead one to wonder. In any event, I would not recommend eating cod flesh infected with cod worms unless the parasite was definitely removed by cutting from the flesh before cooking. Also, I would make sure that the meat was well cooked."

AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY

A group of fishermen, including Herb June, a loyal Littoral Society fish tagger, extend their sport fishing season by casting artificials into the hot water discharge canal of the Northport, L.I. power plant in the wintertime, catching fish that choose to stay in the effluent plume rather than migrate south. Last year bluefish were the dominant catch, this year it's striped bass.

Late last year, the fishermen began to catch striped bass covered with scabby discolorations. They reported this to us and thereby to the Marine Laboratory, which went to the scene and stood by while June and his friends caught 10 fish for them, six with the disease,four without. The fish are about 14 inches long, have what is called lymphocystis. No definite word as of now why the fish have it and what the disease's relation to the effluent, if any, might be. We'll keep up with it and let the members know, probably with a piece in the next "Underwater Naturalist."

TROUT OUTLOOK FAVORABLE

State of New York
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Trout season in New York State again opens on a weekend this year as April 1 falls on a Sunday. This weekend opening and greatly improved stream conditions should produce plenty of angling pressure for the opener.

The generally reduced snow depths this winter, coupled with the early thaw of several weeks ago, should have streams and ponds in much better condition than usual for this time of year.

Trout fishing conditions should be ideal on Long Island. All streams and most ponds will be stocked by opening day. Detailed stocking information for the region may be obtained free by sending a stamped, self-addressed business sized envelope to: Department of Environmental Conservation, Building 40, SUNNY, Stony Brook, N Y. 11790.

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA

FREEPORT/BALDWIN,N.Y., March 24: A life saving award and top divisional honors were presented today to Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-7 and one of its members at the second annual Division XIII Safe Boating Conference.

Auxiliarist Stanley Samet, of Old Bethpage, received the most outstanding assist award for rescuing two Freeport boys from the turbulent waters of Jones Inlet last August 11th after their 16 ft. outboard capsized. For his heroic action, Samet also has been recommended for a Coast Guard Citation.

Flotilla 13-7 was accorded the Captain's Efficiency Award - or highest divisional honors - for its top performance in all branches of Auxiliary activity: Courtesy Motorboat Examinations, Public Education and Operations.

Flotilla 13-7 also received three lesser awards while Auxiliarist Edward Gollin, of Valley Stream, was cited for making over 250 Courtesy Boat Examinations last year.

CLUB NEWS

The South Shore Social Fishing Club made their first trip of the 1973 season last week, aboard the 'Mainstay,' out of Captree. A total of 432 flounder were caught by the 20 members. High hook was Al Miller with 31 fish. The pool was won by Henry Betancourt, with a 2 lb. 5 oz. flounder.

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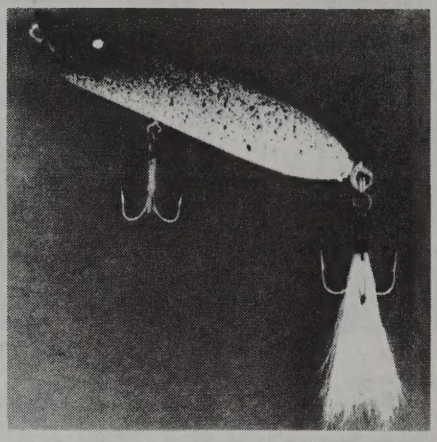

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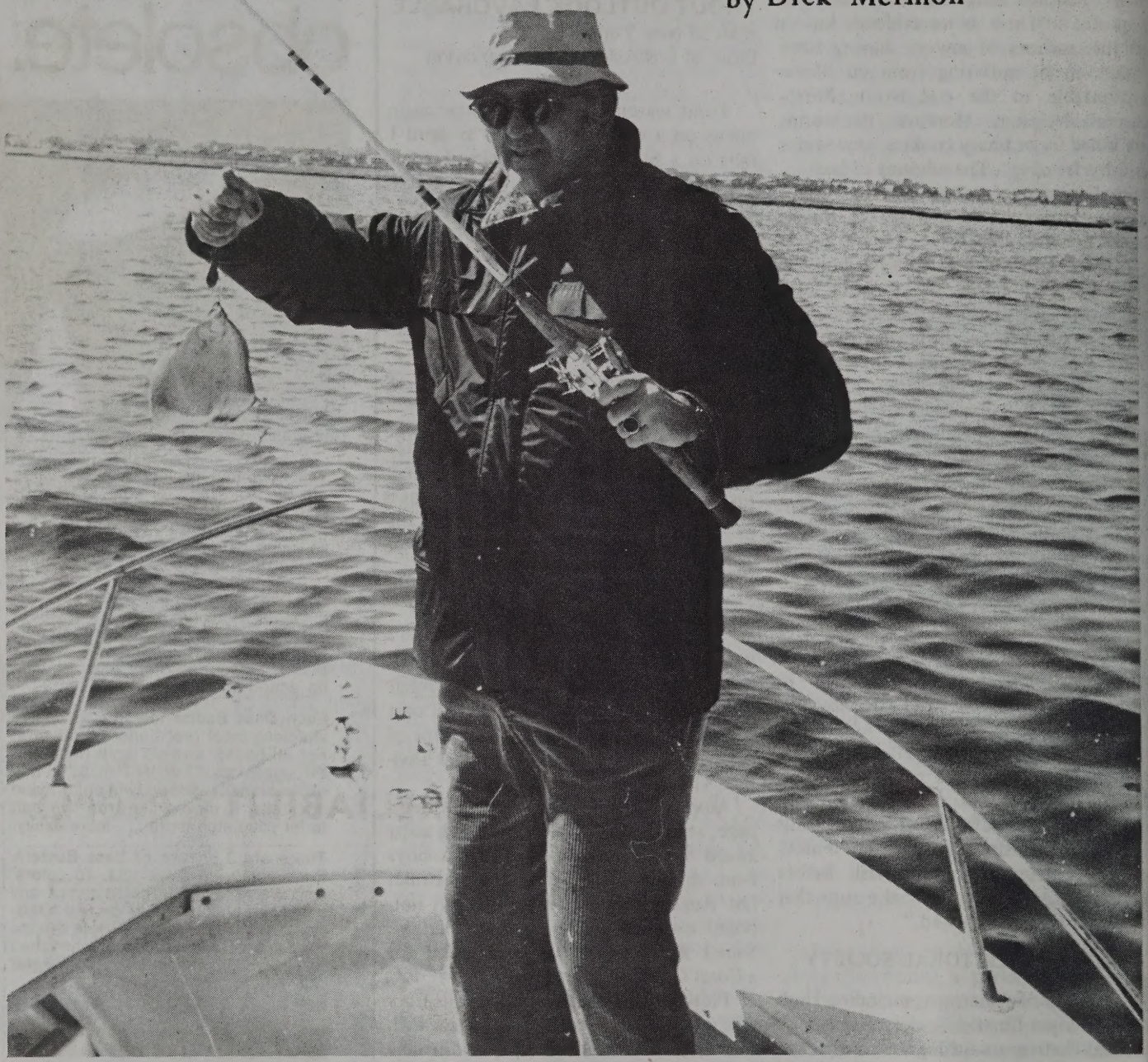
GARDEN HACKLE FLOUNDERS

by Dick Mermon



Joe Kuti with the results of "garden hackle" for bait.

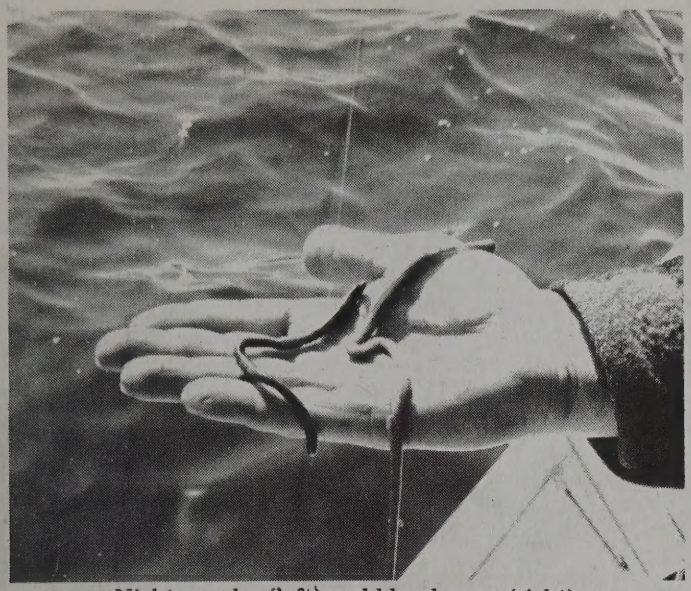
EVEN BEFORE THE Huck Finn days of fishing, earth worms have been used as bait by fresh water fisherman. Why? Because it was the natural bait. Worms, both earth and night crawlers were food that fish feed on. The only difference between the common earth worms and the night crawlers is size. Anytime a youngster wanted to go, "a fishin' ", all he did was to dig in the garden and get some worms for bait. I know some purests that still use them for early season trout fishing, because it is the "IN" bait, the bait of the day.

Since it is the most natural bait for fresh water, why not use them for salt water fishing as well? Worms wash out with the freshets into rivers, the rivers empty into the sea and bays, and the bait that gets away goes with the wash out. Any worms that wash out during a rain storm on Long Island go into the bays and there are fish there that feed on worms. So why not use earth worms for bait for fish in the bays, such as the new fish, flounders.

Flounders are a worm eating fish. Fact is, everyone knows that worms are one of the best baits for the flatties. But you say that they eat sand, blood or tape worms that are found in the bay mud. True, but take a close look at the blood worm, and then compare it to an earth worm. Look alike don't they? Well then why not use the earth worm as bait for flounders?

Years ago I tried earth worms for bait on the flatties and they worked super. I used them only because I had some left over from a trout fishing trip. The trout did not want them, but the flounders sure did.

Just recently I decided to give them a try once again. The blood worm



Night crawler (left) and bloodworm (right).

The night crawler does the trick.

were sort of scarce and what I did see were so small, I had to look twice to find them.

Mark Weisberg, who keeps his boat in Island Park, and I took off for the local south shore flounder grounds with a couple of dozen earth worms and a bag of bank mussels. Flounders were small at first and slow in coming, because of the high tide in the area. Once the tide started to run out, I decided to try the earth worms. Rigs were the same as the standard flounder rigs, two hooks tied in tandom with a sinker on the bottom. I threaded a single earth worm onto the long shank hook and let the tail hang, then did the same with the second hook and dropped it in. As the sinker hit the bottom a flounder took the one worm, tap, tap. I slowly raised tip and set the hook. Up he came with all the resistance of a good size flatty. I dumped him into the bucket and rebaited with another earth worm. Down again went both hooks, and up came another flounder; that fast. This is the way it went for the next hour. Even Mark joined in with hook baited with earth worms instead of mussels. He too was a little surprised at the results.

It is not that I am knocking the blood worm business, but if you can't get any then the next best thing would be its cousin, the earth worm. Why not? Look how well died clams work.

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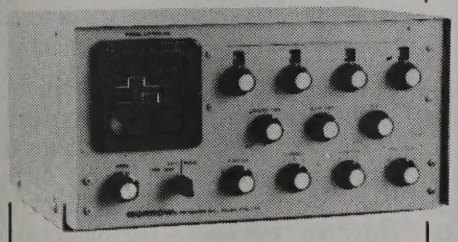

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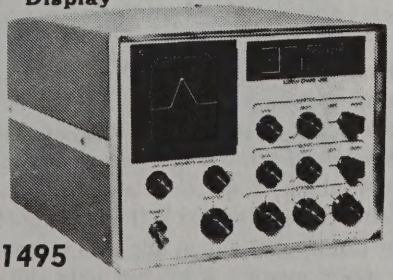

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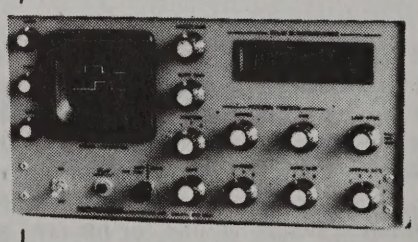

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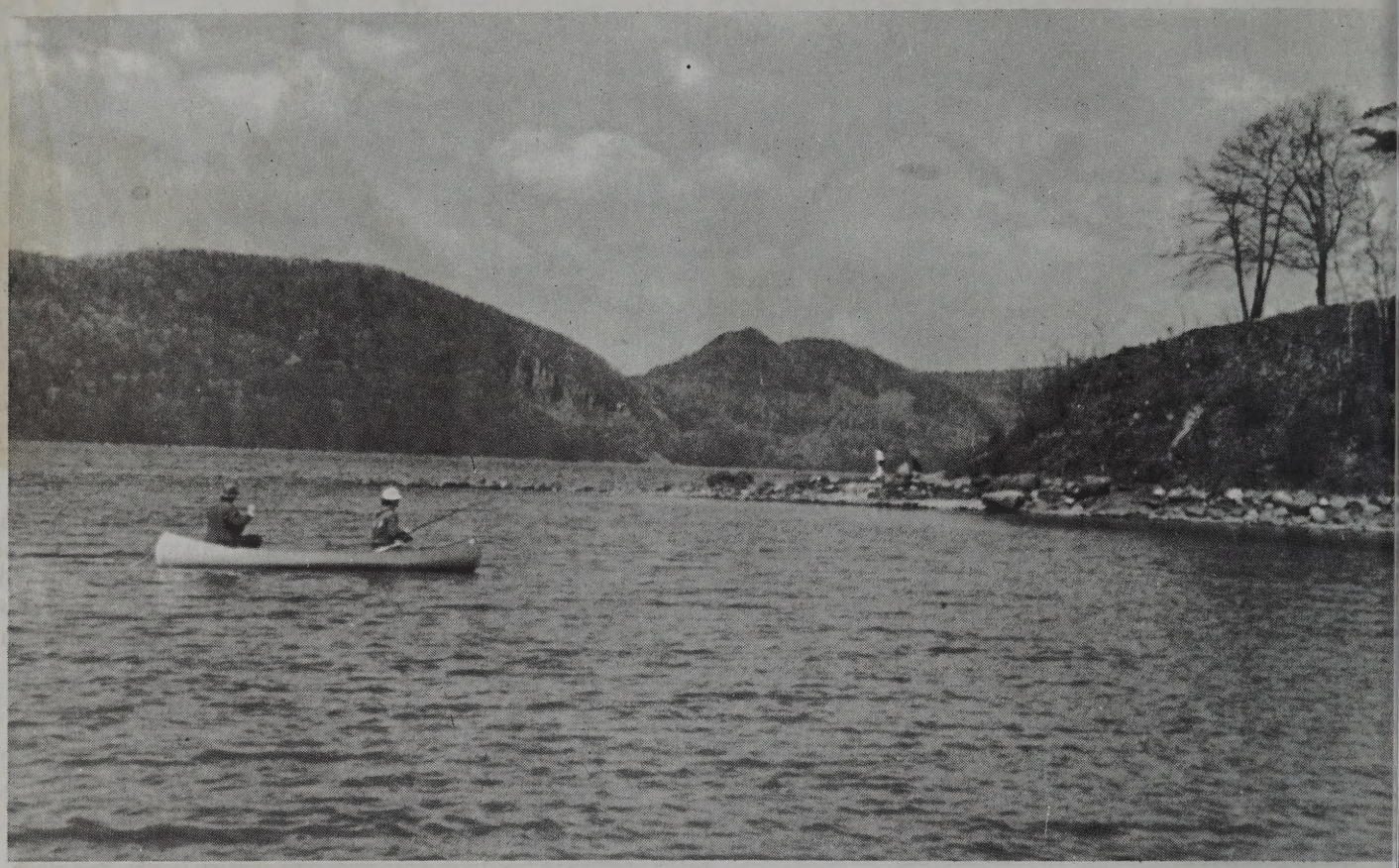

Above the Tappan Zee Bridge, the Hudson's scenery rivals that of any river in the world! And, stripers are plentiful.

Early spring in Croton and Haverstraw Bay

by PETE BARRETT

THE HUDSON RIVER represents different things to many people. To the Commuter high up on the George Washington Bridge it is a muddied stretch of water; to a New York politician it is a convenient sewer; to a striped bass fisherman it is a mysterious spawning ground for his favorite fish. To millions of stripers the River is home. A place of refuge and safety to pass the winter months in semi sleep. Other stripers utilize the River as a spawning ground, returning to their ocean haunts after the spawning urge has been satisfied.

Studies by biologists such as John Clark, formerly with the Sand Hook Laboratories and now with the Conservation Foundation in Washington show that there are basically four populations of bass that inhabit the River during each season. The first group is known as the West Sound Contingent and is made up of fish that winter in the Hudson, spawn in the spring and spend the summer months in the western end of Long Island Sound. The second is the Hudson Estuary Contingent made up of fish that winter in the River, spawn, and then spend the summer along the Jersey Coast as far south as Barnegat and as far East as the South shore of Long Island. The third is the Hudson-Atlantic group spending the winter off the Delaware coast, returning to the Hudson to spawn then taking up summer reisdence at Montauk, Cape Cod and the Rhode Island shore. The last is the Hudson-Hudson Contingent which migrates seasonally up and down the River but never leaving its boundaries.

OK, we all know the Hudson is polluted - but tell me of one river today that isn't! However, the majority of fishermen trying the Hudson for the first time, will be amazed at the beautiful scenery which has impressed some of this country's greatest authors and painters. Most have praised its scenic landscapes as better than anything Europe has to offer, even more spectacular than the lovely Rhine of Germany.

Describing the fishing in detail for eac section of the Hudson is impossible Therefore, the angler serious about fishin the river should obtain a copy of the fo lowing charts. Coast and Geodetic Surve chart No. 369 covers the lower bay up t Edgewater, No. 282 covers from the G.W Bridge to Constitution Island and No. 28 takes in from Wappingers Falls to t town of Hudson. The charts are indi pensable for pin-pointing the areas to b mentioned and for showing the man marshes, reefs and creeks that offer goo fishing possibilities.

The first fishing traditionally begi each year in Croton and Haverstraw Ba in Mid-March to early April depending c the length of the cold winter. The war spring sun drives the sleep from th stripers' systems, and as the temperatu of the water reaches the 40's, bass beg actively feeding on eels, perch, smelt ar herring.

Bloodworms fished from shore, or drifiting in a boat, are the primary bait but live eels, herring or even large shiners would work very well if you can get them. Best beach spots are at Crawbuckie, the Penn-Central RR bridge at the mouth of the Croton River, and all along the Penn-Central tracks. Shore casters use 8 - 9' surf rods to toss sinkers and bait of up to three ounces. Hooks are usually the Eagle Claw bait holder type in sizes 1/0 to 4/0 dressed with a single worm. Locals prefer a fish-finder rig and use a cork float a few inches back of the worm to avoid the annoying, and plentiful, white perch.

Boatmen can use lighter tackle for casting and drifting and a beefy 6½' spin rod is ideal. Other Croton Bay regulars prefer to troll yellow, white or pink bucktails or swimming plugs on a long line and slightly heavier tackle may be required to suit the individual fisherman.

The incoming tide is by far the best. However, boaters with the additional mobility can produce bass at practically any tide. The outgoing tide washes grass shrimp and other striper delicacies from the Croton River and the marshes along the south flank of the Bay, often providing exceptional fishing. Trollers move throughout the bay with the changing tides and usually stop to cast to schools when a hook-up results. You can cast to these schools until you drift out of range, or the school moves off. Other fishermen prefer to cast to swirling fish which are frequently seen at daybreak, or to cast blindly until a school is located. One method not practised is chumming. However, I witnessed one enterprising boater using grass shrimp and his stringer was sure full of bass!

Later in the season, plugs and bucktails predominate over the use of worms and through May and June plugging provides fast sport. Bucktails should weigh in the in the ¼ to 3/8 ounce range and plugs like the Mee-Mee and Rebel with blue backs are the most successful. The 4 and 5 inch swimmers seemed to be the best. Most of Croton Bays fish will be in the short to 5lb class offering excellent opportunities for fish tagging. Jerry Gomber and I tagged over 30 bass in a single hour during last years Striper Tournament and every fish was legal keeper-size or better. Nearly double that number of shorts were also released untagged.

In May and June larger bass will cruise through the Bay at dawn and dusk. Another friend of mine, Vince Grippo, did well on fish up to fifteen pounds fishing late in the day just before dark.

Tellers Point (the south tip of Croton Point) is a long sandy reef attracting stripers like a magnet. Trolling along the reef with big spoons, bucktails, umbrella rigs and worm spinner rigs has resulted in the demise of many bigger stripers. Gary Ronser of Suffern has pulled many a striper from this spot. Last year he had 28 bass over the 15 pound mark and another 14 better than 20 pounds. Plugs like the Goo-Goo Eyes have been used with moderate success. This is the spot for live lining herring, shiners, or whatever live bait you can obtain.

At low tide the reef is wadeable and casting bucktails and swimming plugs is productive. The rocky beach is a feeding station for smaller stripers waiting to pounce on minnows and worms.

Umbrella rigs and wire line trolling are just becoming known on the Hudson and each season sees new people on the River trying the methods that work in other locations. Dragging wire from the Tappan Zee Bridge along the channel drop off to Tellers Point was successful for some trollers last season and should be even more productive as additional anglers try this method here. Red tubes were the favorite, but of course this could change with each season. The bottom is mostly hard sand or clay so there is no worry over lost rigs because of snags.

Fly rodders fish the sod banks at Croton and also out in the bay itself when swirling fish are present. When the fishing is hot, many of the spin fishermen break out fly rods. Patterns like the Lefty's Deceiver and the Brooks Blonde are fish catchers tied on 3/0 hooks and dressed in yellow or white. Mylar slivers along the sides may add to their attractiveness. I prefer a sink tip fly line to get the streamer down below the surface, but not so deep as to snag on the weeds or bottom obstructions.

Going around the bend of Croton Point to its north shore we enter Haverstraw Bay. The rocky shore along Senasqua and Harmon are waters that hold large bass. Harold Moor took one real nice catch last year that weighed in at 33 lbs. Not too bad for a river fish! It fell for a yellow bucktail fished from the beach at Harmon. Off Senasqua is where Bob Boyle's son Peter takes a few juvenile jack crevalle each year.

Continuing along the shore to the north is Oscawanna beach, a rock-strewn area that sees lots of stripers taken. Blood worms are the order of the day cast out a great distance to avoid the rocks. Bass sometimes chase the bait right out of the water here and the beach is a favorite for fish from size to 15 pounds.

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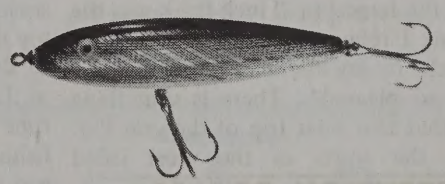

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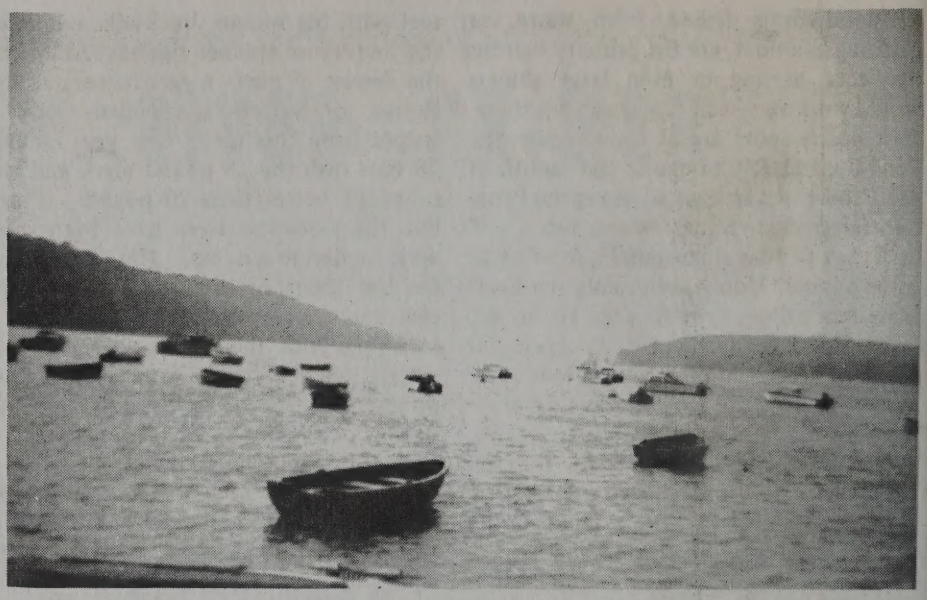

THE LIGHT SOUTHERLY airs were hardly sufficient to ripple the surface of Manhasset Bay, that April morning. The setting sun spread its golden hue over the calm waters, and endowed the raunchiest of moored skiffs with a beauty worthy of any artist's brush. Along with this poetic aspect, the onset of evening brought a sharp reminder that this was still pretty early in the season; the deceptive warmth of an unseasonably mild day, had given way to a chill more in tune with the time of year. Time now to don the woolrich, and head for home.

The Johnson 50 roared to life at a flick of the key, and before long, I was threading my way amongst the harbor's moored small craft, a most enjoyable day drawing to a close. The two dozen flounder were on the small side; I had only kept six of them, and of the seven winter-over bass that fell to my bucktail, five were shorts; in fact the largest (a 21 inch fish), was the only one I retained. No a very impressive catch, to say the least, so why was I feeling so pleased? There is something about that first boat trip of the year that renews the spirts of the most jaded amongst us (of which I am not yet one - jaded, that is), and serves to remind us of nature's scheme of constant renewal. Men live and die, and are beset with trials and tribulations, but the seasons change as they have since the beginning of time; another year - with the same chances for good or ill.

When I first began to write, I promised myself that there were two fish, whose tales I would not tell, i.e. flounder and striped bass. The former because everyone knows how to fish for them, and the later because every outdoor writer has written reams on their pursuit - now here I am doing an article on both. Since I would never claim to be an expert on fishing for *Roccus saxatilis*, and flounders are not my 'bag', this piece is aimed at those, such as I, who just like to get out on the water for a bit of action.

Manhasset Bay has been a favorite early season haunt of mine, since 1960, when my dad and I lugges his 10 H.P. outboard to Port Washington, and set forth in one of Louie's rental skiffs. Changes which time hath wrought notwithstanding, the fishing is still pretty much the same as it was then. The flounder are small by any standards, and such stripers as frequent the harbor in April, are shorts in the main, with a few larger specimens around, to keep the game interesting. It is the serene atmosphere of the harbor, which lends this type of fishing its charm.

The methods I employed then are the same I use now. The gear consists of a light bay rod with conventional reel, and a medium action freshwater rod of 6½ foot length, it's small spinning reel loaded with 6 lb. test mono (the same outfit I fish black bass with, on the Island's ponds). If I ever tie into a sizeable striper on this little rig, I should be in for quite a battle; I'm still wating for one.

Not being a "sit at the anchor" type, I drift-fish; the tide is usually gentle enough for a leisurely float through the harbor. The bay rod is rigged Seabright fashion, with two No. 9 chestertown hooks, a bit above a 2 ounce sinker. This rod usually remains propped against the gunwale, with my foot planted on the butt, to prevent loss of the outfit. Since a drift-caught flounder will usually hook himself (the "hook 'em on the lift" thing is out), my hands are free to ply that spin rod. One sidelight: a striper will sometimes grab that moving flounder-bait, particularly if you cut the sandworms into rather generous sized chunks - holding and boating a bass on such a small hook is something else again, however.

Mooring buoys, and moored boats, produce small eddies in the tideway, which are natural gathering places for baitfish, (what few are around this early) and the stripers know it. When the drifting boat comes within casting distance of one of these, I cast a ¼ ounce white bucktail a bit beyond the eddy, and work it slowly through. Other lures may also work in these spots, but I have gotten into a rut to the point where bucktails are the only thing I now use.

The nicest part of this type of fishing, is that the whole family may join in; no prowls in the dead of night with only the wind or the crashing surf for company. Whether you fish from your own boat or a rental skiff, try fishing a peaceful harbor for a change of pace. Now is the time to go, before the warmer weather draws out the aquatic "cowboys", who love to race around the bay and make life miserable for us poor fishermen.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This was written last year, following the unseasonably mild first week in April.

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TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

OF A NEW JERSEY FISHERMAN

by Gary Caputi

THERE IS A common misconception implanted in the minds of simple, everyday people of this nation, that all fishing is fun. This is not necessarily the case, especially if you happen to live in the state of confusion commonly known as New Jersey. It is also known by a multitude of other synonyms, most of which are not quite fit for print.

If you take the time to run an opinion poll of New Jersey fishermen, inquiring about their feelings toward fishing conditions in the Garden State, the general reply would be to the effect that, "the best way to fish New Jersey is to go somewhere else!" This public feeling has become the driving force behind the mass exodus to any place away from New Jersey on weekends and holidays. It has also become a great concern to our governing fathers in Trenton, because there just isn't enough highway to accommodate all the fishermen trying to get away from it all. Any time after opening day, all roads leading out of here are backed up for miles with men wearing hip waders, and waving fishing rods from car windows.

This made dash for the state line is most easily explained by one simply understood picture. Imagine, in your minds eye, a large, quite pool of brownish-blue water, located at the foot of a small fall. It is about 40 feet long and 50 feet wide, peaceful, calm and for all intents and purposes, appears to be chock full of ravenous trout, even though they were stocked just several days before. Then comes "D-day!" It's April 11th, and at 8:00 in the morning that same tranquil little pool acquires a new name, "the circle of death!" Over 50 fish happy anglers, all bitten by the opening day trout bug, are standing shoulder to shoulder, shoving and pushing for a chance to make a cast into the once quiet water, now churned into a foam by tramping wader covered feet. The tackle being used is an array ranging from a 5 foot, ultra-light fly rod, to a big game trolling outfit, complete with harness, roller line guides and 50 pound test line. It's poetry in motion as the graceful fly fisherman back casts and hooks the guy next to him in the left ear lobe.

By 10 o'clock, six people have fallen in, one breaking has leg in 2 places, all in an insane attempt to catch the 2 terrified golden trout held captive in the middle of the ever tightening circle. All this, including the Sabrete man peddling his hotdogs along the bank, adds up to a perfect day of relaxation and communing with mother nature. The total catch taken from the stream that day tallied: 6 trout, (all under 11 in-) ches), 9 suckers, 17 fisherman and 1 hotdog.

You might say a place such as this is pure fiction, dreamt up in the demented mind of some poor, hopelessly ill outdoor writer. Nay, for it is a scene available to any true lover of slap-stick comedy, and the viewing price is free Just ride out to that peaceful little stream in north western New Jersey. It's name is Saxton Falls. Bring the kids along and make a day of it. Its better than Ringling Brothers Circus, and you can't beat the price.

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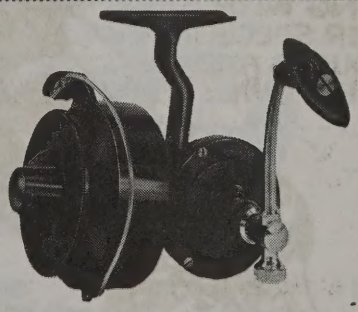

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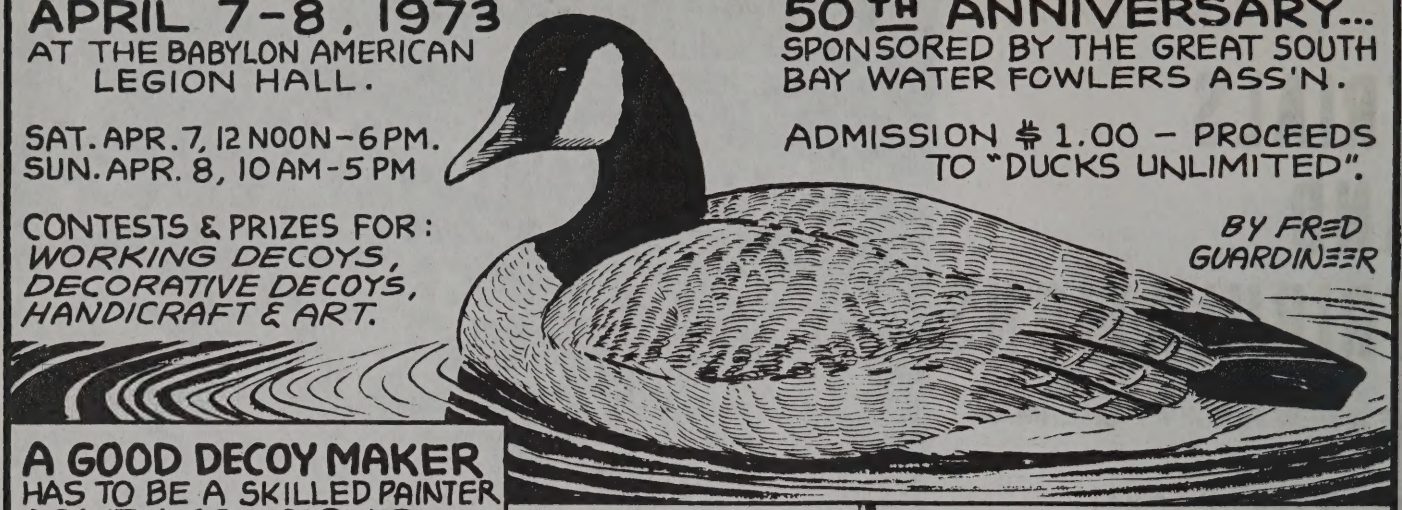

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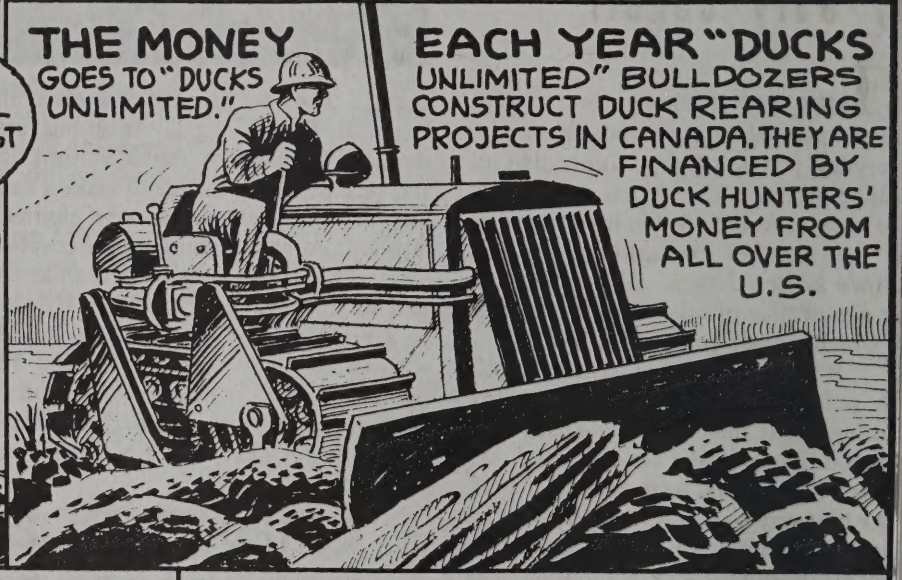

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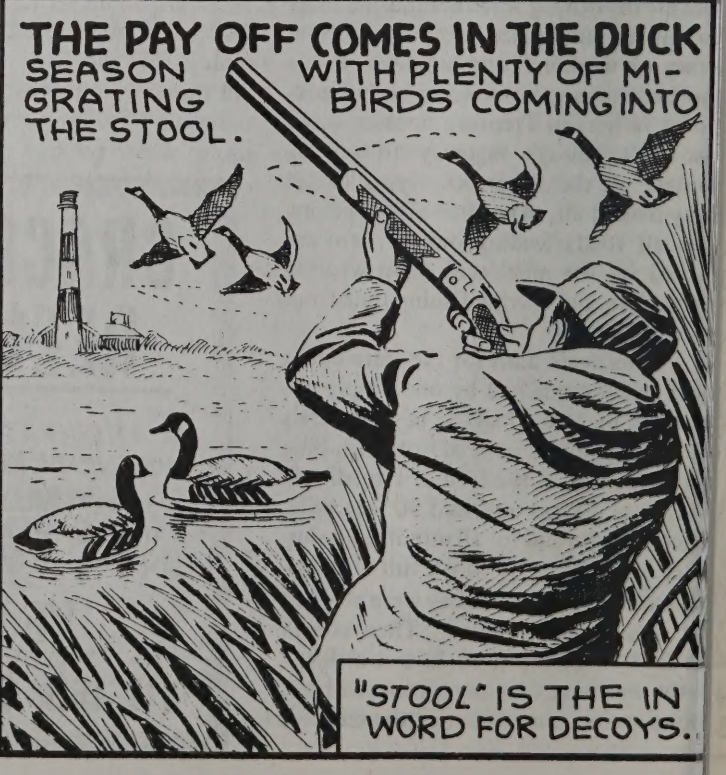

"*STOOL*" IS THE IN WORD FOR DECOYS.

CONFESSIONS OF A CRAZY

CASTING SPOTS ON THE NORTH SHORE

by Robert H. Schaefer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Written this past winter as a sequal to "The Crazies," this developing angler's reminiscence includes good advice for shore fishing on the Sound.

THE LOGS SPUTTER and pop pleasantly in the fireplace as the flames dance a bove them throwing eerie flickering shadows across the room. With my martini glass conveniently close at hand. I am well fortified against winter's onslaught. My eyes start to play tricks on me, and leaping out of the hearth are not flames, but fluefish bursting from the depths and stripers who make the water boil in their fury. A cold winter's night, but I am content, comforted by the fire, by the drink, but mostly by the memories of last summer.

The people who know the most about this game of surf fishing say that an intimate knowledge of the beach is indispensible for the consistent catching of fish. They say that novive crazies (also known as surfcasters) should learn their beach when the tide is out, looking for holes, sand bars, and depressions. It also doesn't hurt to take note of mussel beds and other sources of food. But as some legendary ruler once discovered to his chagrin, man cannot control the movements of the tides.

One cannot go willy-nilly to the beach expecting Mother Nature to reveal her all to you. No, you must pay close heed to the tide tables and follow their dictates. This means excusing oneself hurriedly from the supper table, or worse yet, missing the meal entirely. But with the patience of Job, coupled with the sharp eye of Mr. Holmes, one can find places on the beach that look just plain "fishy." How long does this process take?

The answer cannot be given in terms of weeks or months,but rather in the number of expeditions one makes to the beach. I suppose between April and November, I went surfcasting at least once and as many as six times a week. My surfcasting was concentrated on the beaches at Sand City and Crab Meadow on the North Shore, in the Huntington-Northport area.

Never had any luck at Sand City with plugs. Seems like whenever I showed up there, the gang would always say, "You should have been here yesterday! Boy, did we knock those - - - - - dead!" The reader is to fill in the blank space with the name of whatever species of fish was running yesterday; weaks, mackerel, blues, or stripers. All these were caught at Sand City in their proper season. But not by me. Live bait worked pretty well for me, though. Sandworms would catch blackfish, porgies and flounder. Fiddler crabs were good for the big blacks that lurk off Sand City. The patriarch of Sand City reported landing a 12 pound black in June, and a few weeks later, a 9 pounder by his wife.

The trip to Sand City that I now remember most fondly was the time we went for blacks when it rained, and Dick Sprague had the foresight to bring along a thermos of martinis. Did I say rained? No, it was as if the heavens and the ocean were joined into one continuous body of water. We waited in the car, Dick's weather-eye telling us the storm would pass; the rain not quite drowning out the sound of the fiddler crabs crawling around in the plastic container. Funny thing about that rain storm. It ended just as we drained the thermos. We caught some nice blacks afterwards, too.

The major advantage of Sand City is that you can surfcast and keep your feet dry. This si great on cold days in the fall, especially if you don't happen to own a pair of waders. I found that the best time to fish at Sand City was about an hour after the tide started to turn, either coming in or going out. Always saw plenty of bait fish in the water, all season long. All those bait fish, the place should have been crawling with blues and stripers. Yesterday, they told me, always yesterday had been the day to plug at Sand City.

Then there was Crab Meadow, which is only worth fishing at low tide so you can get way out onto the sand bar where

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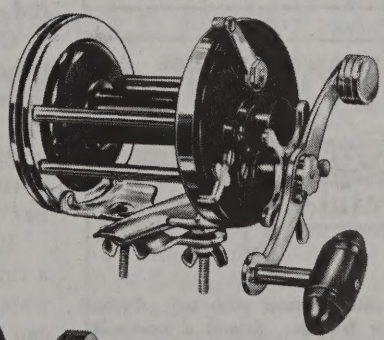

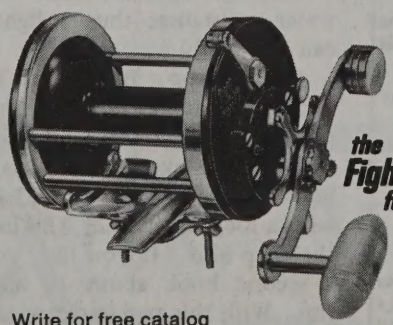

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FLOUNDER FUN TRY LIGHT TACKLE

by George Meringola III

IT WAS A CALM SPRING DAY, with hardly a ripple on the bay. The little clouds high in the sky were as bouncy and free as my spirits, for this day was the starting point of another year's fishing.

It felt good to cast a line with a hook on the end of it, after a winter of just casting a weight (to keep tuned up).

Sure, this sounds just like any other first-day-after-winter fishing trip, but it's not. I'm out after that frisky little flatfish called flounder. 'Flounder,' you say. It's just a bait and wait game; same old thing year after year.

With modern tackle it's a great way to start the year. Since the flounder is a small fish, seldom going over 2 lbs., why use rods that could bring in stripers and blues? Why use a sinker that could anchor a small boat in a "small craft warning." O.K., let's start from scratch.

Put away your surf and boat rods. Save them for the fish they were intended for. Get a light spinning outfit. The rod should have a medium taper; reel to match. The line should be about 6-8 lb. test. ("Wow, you really mean light, don't you?") Not realy; I like a 5 ft. rod, matching reel, and 4 lb. test line!

Get some No. 10 or 12 trout hooks (which are much cheaper than the snelled flounder hooks), some good small snaps and weights of about ½ oz. "You're crazy," you say, "that'll never hold the bottom, and that's where your bait should be."

Right again pal, but the line has such a fine diameter that it doesn't have much water resistance, thus a lighter weight can be used.

O.K., rig up. Be sure to flip the bail before threading the line through the guides. Tie your snap to the main line, and add a sinker. Your No. 10 trout hook should be tied to a 12 inch leader with a loop in the end. This loop goes on the snap also. If you like, you can add a second hook about 19 inches above this. With this two-hook rig, you'll often come up with a double-header.

As for bait, the sandworm is best. Use a piece just big enough to cover the hook. Remember, the flounder's mouth is small. If the high price of worms bothers you, you may use skimmer clams. Most clams may be dyed with a red or yellowfood coloring. This adds a little zip to the flounder's meal. When you bait the hook, thread it on gently.

O.K., now cast. You needn't try for distance, we're not fishing for stripers you know. That's right, reel in very slowly. You know the saying, "If you think you're moving a surface plug too slowly, move it slower still."

Well, that's true here also, for when you reel in slowly, it causes a trail of mud to follow. The flounder thinks a friend of his has found some food, and he wants to come into the act. He sees your baited hook and he . . . whoops! There he is, our first flounder of the season.

"Wow," you say, "he put up some fight for a flounder!" Right, and it's the light tackle that does it. Fun, isn't it? Well, cast out again for another, and soon you'll have a good number on the dock.

If you find they're not biting at such a good clip, look around for some mussels. If you find any, crush them and throw them out for chum. If you want to try and increase your catch, you may try painting your sinkers yellow.

A moving tide is best; I prefer it to be about two hours before high tide. At the tide's peak, I have a bite to eat, and at the start of the ebb, I start up again.

Weather conditions really don't matter if the flounders are running, for I've caught them during a pouring rain.

Often you'll hang a tautog, porgy, or even the mighty striper. So all you can do is hang on and hope for the best. You never can tell what you'll pick up while bottom fishing.

If you are just a meat fisherman, this article will do you little good. It was written for the other fellow, the one who is interested in a little fun from this under-rated little fish.

So flounder fishermen, no matter what equipment you use, tight lines and good fishing.

PARTY BOAT FLOUNDERS

The pool fish

A triple header

by Jim DeVito

ITS BEEN A LONG WINTER, and I've been itching since December to get some action. Since my boat the "Jo Ann" is still up for winter repairs, I decided to try my luck on a party boat.

I read the advertisements in the Long Island Fisherman to see what boats were going out, and for what kind of fish. When I came across the "Capt. Litwin" a bell rang in my head. My good firend Frank Salvatore once told me last fall of a good day's fishing which he had enjoyed on this boat. I immediately phoned in my reservation for the next morning.

At 6:30 A.M. Tuesday morning the sun was up, and so was I, loading my gear into the trunk of my car. An hour later I arrived at the Captree Boat Basin, and proceeded to the State Park's snack bar for some breakfast.

After coffee, I boarded the boat and proceeded to the stern, where I put my rod in a rod holder in order to secure a good spot to fish from. For flounder, I fish with a home-made rod which I strung myself two years ago. It is fifty-two inches long and has only two guides (spinning type) and a garnet tip. I have a Mitchell 308 on it, and I usually take along a Mitchell 300 just in case the fish run to any size.

At 8 A.M. we left the dock, and headed for the Heckscher Flats. The ride was quite smooth, despite the stiff breeze.

An hour later we were all pulling in flounder. Everyone was doing fine, especially a Mrs. Sylvia Liben of New Hyde Park. She brought in the first triple-header of the day.

Roger, the mate, taught me something which I am sure will prove beneficial to me in the future aboard my own boat. He had a long pole with a metal head on one end. This he used to stir up the bottom. This was an old trick, he told me. (I must admit, however, that it was news to me!)

We made a comparison test by chumming one side of the boat with clams and stirring the bottom with his pole on the other. Believe it or not, his side produced more fish!

Some of the fares used clam baits, while I preferred bloodworms. On this particular day, both baits were very effective. For the seven fares aboard that day, 250 flatties were brought in.

I cannot state that I was the high hook, or even the pool winner that day. I did enjoy myself very much, and I did get to take a photograph of Mr. Louis Homer of Lindenhurst, N.Y. He won the pool with his 2 pound flounder.

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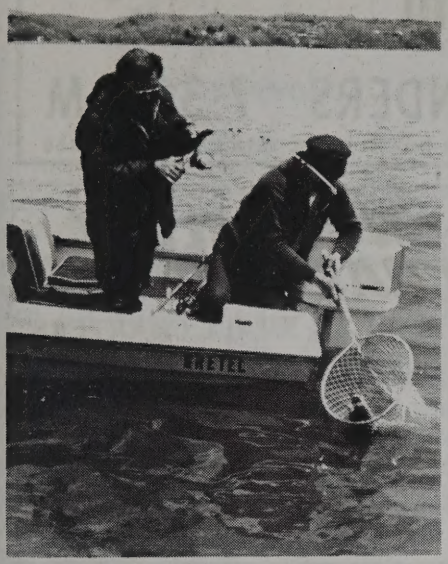

The old Oyster Beds in Haverstraw Bay just to the south of Georges Island Park offer excellent fishing, bouncing sandworms on the hard bottom.

Behind the FDR Hospital the shore swings out to narrow the river at Verplanck. Guy Parciasepe has quite a few river bass under his belt, yet even he was surprised at the results live shiners could bring. Try these right behind the hospital on the last of the incoming tide.

George's Island Park has the best launch facilities in the area for boatmen. Continue out from the ramp due south for about 300 yards, and then turn west for another 300 yards and you are positioned over the oyster beds, famous for consistent fishing. Blood worms are fished on the bottom with 2 - 3 ounce sinkers on a moving tide, either incoming or outgoing. Drifiting is difficult because of the fast tide. Anchor and let the bait hit bottom. If it feels as if the bottom is soft and sucks on the sinker, move to another spot with a hard bottom. Again, most fish are school size to 5 pounds; but larger fish are here as verified by graph readings and nettings. Willie Cafasso of Hackensack had the largest striper from the beds last year with an 18 lb. 4 oz. catch.

By the end of June the bass fishing falls off for the summer slump. Bass are replaced by hordes of white perch, catfish, eels and blue claw crabs. Many of the eel fishermen are collecting bait to use as rigged eels to use for the fall run along the Jersey shore. Snapper blues arrive in August and are easily caught at local spots like Kemmies Cove, at Sing-Sing, Bishops Rocks, and along the western shore of the river below the town of Haverstraw. River blues may reach 2 lbs., but the average catch seldom goes over the 14" mark.

By October the bass are returning to the River in preparation for the winter season and they usually go on a final feeding spree before the cold weather sets in. Fishing is just about the same as in the spring with emphasis on sandworms and bloodworms for bait. Trollers with umbrellas find the Oyster beds and Tellers Point the best. Bucktails and worm spinner rigs also produce at Tellers Point with dawn the magical hour.

For first hand information during the season, try the local bait and tackle dealers in the area. Tony's Bait and Tackle on Route 9 in Ossining, Croton Bait and Tackle on Riverside Ave., in Croton-On-Hudson And Ace and Charlies Fishing Tackle at Old Streamboat Landing in Verplanck. The last shop also rents boats and motors for those who don't have their own.

Next time we'll take a look at the upper River for bass, shad and even some freshwater fish. Also 50 pound stripers!!!

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

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last year and ask them about their sales technique. I am told they pulled in about $50 on garden worms alone, and they are planning to expand into salmon eggs next year. Also, if you are a doctor, you can clean up making on the spot hook removals from the more fortunate fisherman who somehow manage to get near the pool.

Next time you feel like trying trout fishing at its finest, remember Saxton Falls on opening day. It's sure to make your blood run cold and your tip tops curl. Then I'll expect to see you somewhere in the same traffic jam I'm stuck in trying to get to Pennsylvania.

Author's Note: Although this article is written in a somewhat lighter vein, if you can forego the "Opening day trout fisherman blues", the fishing can be quite good in New Jersey, but one must take the time to be a little bit better than the next guy. Have the patience to persevere when facing the overwhelming odds and you can usually come home with a decent stringer of fish.

CONFESSIONS OF A CRAZY

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the creek empties into the Sound. There's a deep hole off to the right of it and a rip forms where the creek and Sound join. Once you're out on the bar you have to be careful to notice when the tide turns so you don't get trapped out there. As I recall, you can get on the bar about two hours before dead low tide, and had better get off not more than two hours after the tide turns. Storms affect the shape and contours of the bar, so I guess it will be different by spring and I'll have to learn it all over again.

Waders are a must at Crab Meadow in the fall if you're going to plug. Some people bottom fish from the beach without getting themselves wet, and they do well on blacks, mackerel, and flounder in season. Others fish from the jetty into the creek for snappers, window pane (or sundial) and flounder. Reflecting upon this technique, I guess it's the saner, more rational way to fish. But out on the sand bar, my friends, is where the action is. After the blues came in, about mid-August, I managed to get my share almost every time I fished Crab Meadow. All from the sand bar, with the waves created by the incoming tide and north wind splashing at my chest, spray covering my face. Crazy, man! Best lure was a ¾ ounce chrome Striper Swiper. As for stripers, well, I should have been there yesterday.

The best part of last year's fishing was that I caught my very first striped bass. And it was from the beach. On an artificial lure. And I took my son back to the same place and he caught his first striped bass. And I took my buddy Howie Sherman back there and he caught his first striper. And we caught a mess of stripers whenever we went there. Yes, my friends, the experts are right. After you know your beach, you can catch fish regularly. All the hours I had spent on the beach paid off and I found a place where stripers feed like clockwork at 7 to 7:30 A.M. and 6 to 6:30 P.M., daylight savings time. Tide didn't make any difference, we caught them on the flood tide, ebb tide, and at slack water. The time was the critical factor. You could almost set your watch by their appearance. Now that you're all excited, I'd better tell you they were schoolies, the size Dr. Guaglianone calls rats. Keeper size, though. We used ultra-light spinning tackle with 4 pound test line and ¼ ounce lures and it was a ball. They hit well on Striper Swipers and the color of the lure didn't make any difference. Kast Masters were also deadly, as long as you made a fast retrieve so it stayed near the top. Some nights we'd get back home, all tired and cold, wet and hungry, I'd just fillet the bass, melt some butter in a pan, and fry it, adding a few drops of dry vermouth. A simple, quick, and very tasty meal.

Well, the flames in the fireplace have died down now and the logs are glowing a silent deep red. Let me see, what was I saying? Oh yes, spend some time learning your beach. It really pays off. You'll catch those stripers and blues because they're out there. And when the blitz is on you'll be in the middle of it. But if we should meet on some beach, just please don't tell me I should have been there yesterday.

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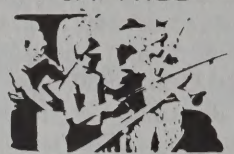

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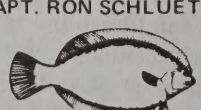

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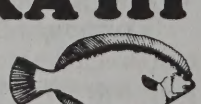

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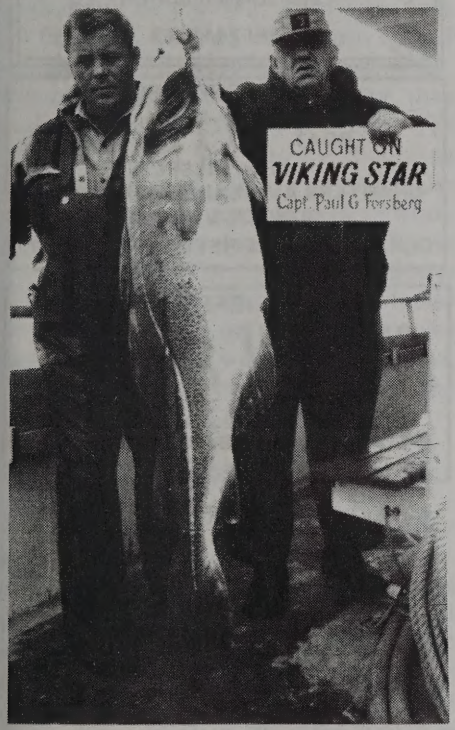
Capt. Paul Forsberg of the "Viking Star" said the spring cod have sprung. The entire Block Island area came alive with spring-run codfish this past week. Over 100 cod were caught over the weekend aboard the Viking Star. On Saturday, Tony Albini was high hook with 41 cod, and on Sunday, Frank Bendowski was high hook with 37 cod. Even little Steven Forsberg (11 years old) managed to haul 21 cod. The fish were generally running in the 3 to 5 lb. class all week, but on Sunday a larger school moved into the area. These fish ranged 7 to 10 lbs. A dozen or so snowshoe flounderwere also taken on Saturday.



Mate John Rade (left) with Joe Walter of Bergenfield, N.J. and Joe's pool winning 61 lb. cod, caught March 25th on the "Viking Star."

Capt. Les Behan sailed his "Peconic Queen" to the local cod grounds and did very well over the past weekend with the cod, hake and pollack. A. Nelson of New York City was high hook on Saturday with 48 fish up to 38 lbs. Henry Johnson of Brooklyn took the first pool and Harry Parker of Brooklyn took the second pool. Harry also had 14 other cod and a couple of pollack. On Sunday, Ted Aanos of Richmond Hill had fish up to 25 lbs. The Sunday fishing was a bit slower than Saturday's. Seems it might have been the change of weather. Capt. Behan also related that he'll make his first run to Cox's Ledge for the cows that are "awaitin' " and that every Monday after April 2nd will be the Cox's Ledge Special. The first boat leaves at 3 A.M. and if you miss this one the second, Peconic Queen II, will leave at 5 A.M.

Larry Shubert of the Clover Sportsmen's Club (Woodside,N.Y.) with his 35 lb. cod, taken March 24th aboard the "Peconic Queen II."

PROMISED LAND

Even with the weather reports the way they were, the flounder fishermen came out on Saturday and Sunday. Diane Brand stated that Frank Calarco and Willie Conforti of New York City cleaned house. They fished inside the harbor and had fish up to 2¼ pounds. Even in all the rain on Sunday, the flounders were on the feed. The fish ran up to 2¾ lbs. Mussels took the big flatties. Carl Schuetz and Joe Mistina of West New York, N.J. teamed up against the flatties and had 50 keepers up to 2¾ lbs. and were back at the dock by 11:30 A.M.

SHINNECOCK

"Weather made no difference. It could have been snowing on both days and they would have caught flounders," said Mickey Altenkirch of Altenkirch & Son. "The canal has been producing fish like I never saw before, fat and sassy." There have been no reports on the weakfish or bass yet, however, one fellow did get hit by something that popped his line. This might well have been the first of the bass or weaks. "Can't eat the strikes," said Mickey.

Capt. Clark Bellows, Jr. of the "Capt. Clark I," sailing out of Shinnecock Canal, reports the fishing in Shinnecock Bay has been coming along nicely with flounders in the 1 to 1½lb. class. Last Wednesday three fellows split 68 flatties for their day's effort. Capt. Clark said he's been trying the Peconics a couple of times a week, but so far the showings have been poor. "Perhaps it's just a bit too early." He'll continue testing Peconic Bay until those nice big ones come in.

SAG HARBOR

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the fishing was great. Helen Jacobsen of Noyac Marina said on Friday, Mrs. Chris Albert and her husband Mike, of Brooklyn, fished off the Monastery with mussels and guess who caught the biggest of all the flounders. That's right, HER flattie went 2 lbs. On Saturday, John Melcoch, John Tenyo and Ben Lafer, all from New Jersey, fished near the nets at Jessups Neck and really loaded up with fish up

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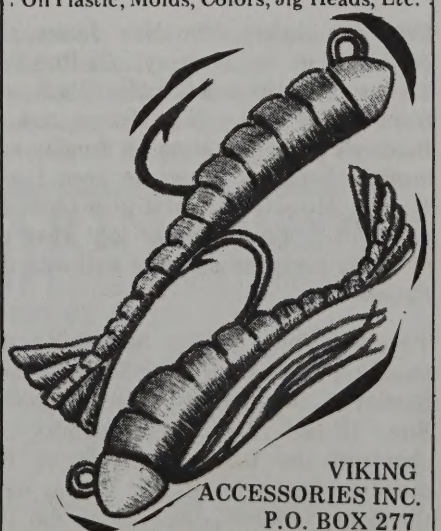

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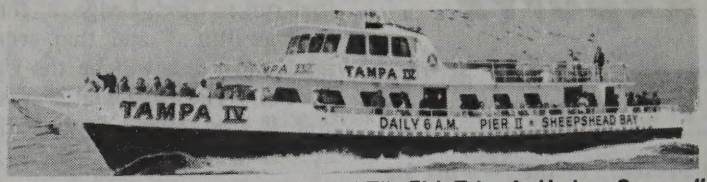

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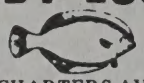
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to 2¼ lbs. Russell Brown, Marcel Guillaume and Harold Brown came out from Massapequa and fished near Hogs Neck. Using worms for bait and mussels for chum, they scored with 49 flatties from 1 to 2½ lbs. The best catch was made by Vincent Pestivo of Noyac. He came in with a mess of flatties and one weighed 3 lbs. even. It took a mussel.

Capt. Clark Bellows, Sr. of the "Capt. Clark II" said the flounder fishing had its ups and downs all week, but generally speaking, the fishing was good. The weekend fishing was better than good with flounders up to 2½ lbs. being taken. Shelter Island, South Ferry and Cedar Point are all producing well. The flatties are responding to mussels and dyed clam baits.

HAMPTON BAYS

Even the anglers from New Jersey can catch fish in our territory. Carlton Pat, Stewart Kravitis and Charles Black, all from Jersey City, N.J.. fished out of Bradley's Fishing Station on Sunday and brought back 64 flatties between 1 and 1½ lbs. Mussels were best in the bait department. Ernie Berhle said that on Saturday everyone did very well with the flatties.

Tony's Fishing Station had about the same type of report for Saturday and Sunday. "Weather bad, fishing good." Buoy 10 and 17 produced quantity catches but the Basket area yielded the quality. Bank mussels and worms were the baits, however, the mussels did the better job.

Left to right, Al Titone, Frank DePaola and Dick Fakoory with flounders from Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station on March 24th.

MORICHES BAY

The open boat "Alma" had 10 to 25 flounders per man on Saturday, averaging from ¾ to 1½ lbs. Capt. Ron Schlueter said that Saturday was a better day than Sunday. The baits used were mussels and worms, however, the mussels outfished the worms by three to one. Capt. Schlueter also asked to remind fishermen that the channel is very narrow near the town dock and that it runs close to the dock. "Please, please, the fishermen that use the dock, be courteous and reel in your line a little to let the deep draft boats pass. Then everybody will be happy."

B & B Tackle also stated that the flounders were the fish of the day. There were a few scattered reports of weakfish and bass thrown in, but nothing was seen. Reports grow stronger and stronger each day regarding these species, and any day now a run will start.

Nancy of Skidmore's Fishing Station said that on Sunday the flounder fishermen that came out in all the rain were rewarded with terrific catches. Fish were in the 1 to 1½ lb. class, and worms were used for bait. They did require mussels to chum with though.

MASTIC BEACH

Slim Miller of Mastic, N.Y. had a ½ bushel of flounders in two hours fishing time all by himself. He fished by the bridge. Capt. Andy of Capt. Andy's Fishing Station also said that the storm kept most of the boats in on Sunday.

SAYVILLE

"Fantastic," was the word from Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station. "The flounders are really here. Every boat had one to three pails full on Saturday, and these fish went to 2½ lbs." Last week, Fred and Otto Bezler of Maspeth didn't do too well. They came back all fired up. They had their own idea of chumming and worked on it all week. When the dust cleared on Saturday, they had 100 flounders from 1 to 2¼ lbs. The other boats did well also by chumming with mussels and catfood in the chum cage. Worms, clams and mussels all worked well. The best locations were Buoys 28, 29 and 30. The hole between Buoys 4 and 5 near Heckscher State Park is also cited as one of the hotspots. Dennis also suggested that sash weights tied to a line, bounced on the bottom to stir up the mud, works well.

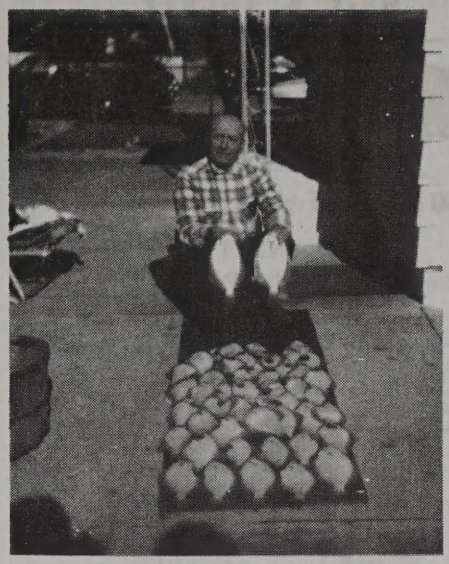
CAPTREE

Mrs. Ben Litwin of the "Capt. Ben Litwin" reports excellent catches of flounder over the weekend. Saturday's fishing was very good but on Sunday, although the fishing continued good, the day had to be cut short due to the weather. All fares were only charged half price for the short day. Most of the good fishing is taking place off Heckscher Park. The average size flounder is 1 lb., with some going as high as 2 lbs. Clams are the primary bait, but worms are working well also.

The "Capt. Richie" also reports good flounder fishing off the Heckscher Flats. The average catch is 25 fish per man, and these flatties are in the ¾ to 1 lb. class.

BABYLON

Mrs. Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle said there are plenty of flounders available. The flatties were biting all over, and even with the heavy rain of Sunday, the fishermen were out and doing well. "The way it looks, the meatless week will be a fish week." She states that there were a few short stripers taken on the beach on Saturday, but nothing to really speak of yet.



Michael Annunziato with a nice catch of flounder, caught on the Flats off Good Samaritan Hospital, West Islip. Clams and worm baits did the trick.

Fred Hoffmann and his two grandsons, John (left) and Fred, with 53 flounder to 1½ lbs., caught at Buoy 32, Great South Bay on March 29, aboard the family boat "Festival."

The report from the Babylon Fishing Station was similar to all reports from this area: Weather bad, fishing good. Flounders up to 2 lbs. were weighed in and they were caught at the Bay Shore Flats on mussels and worms.

Careless Pond, in E. Moriches, produced some nice trout. Bill Hennion of Babylon Sports Center also reported that the trout fishing was good upstate as well as on Long Island. He himself had three nice native browns up to 16 inches in about one hour and then the skies really opened up and turned the stream roily. His partner George said the fishermen who took the left-over nightcrawlers and fished for flounders did well, to their surprise.

LINDENHURST

Flounder and a few short bass are being taken at Cedar Beach. The flatties can be located anywhere in the bays. The best tide is the high outgoing. Fishing the drop-offs of the flats into the channel is productive. Some good weather to go along with the good fishing would help.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait & Tackle said that Saturday was a very big day at Squaw Island, Massapequa. Bill Heide of Massapequa had a bushel of nice flounders off Unqua Point. Gene Mermon and Fritz Baumann of Massapequa Park fished J.J; Burns Dock and did well with bank mussels. The fellows that used sandworms also connected. Trout fishing was very good at Avon Pond in Amityville. Best results were produced by nightcrawlers and small live killies.

SEAFORD

Flounders? Yes! Weakfish? Yes! The State Channel near Gilgo was the spot reported Frank of Eastern Reel Service. The weaks were small but the flounders were big. Things are beginning to break.

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Tom McDermott of Seaford did well on the flounders in Merrick Bay on Thursday and Frank also said he took some time off on Friday to "chip a few." Gus Coley and Frank fished Merrick Bay and in two hours had a good sized bucketful for the meatless week ahead. Mussels did a better job than worms.

WANTAGH

Frank of Causeway Bait & Tackle reported flounders were being taken from the shoreline of the Wantagh Park and they were of nice size. Actually, they are all over the bay, but finding the holes that hold the biggies is the trick. The Jones Beach fishing piers have also been producing flounders, and at high tide the other evening, the waters exploded with feeding herring. Signs of new bait coming into the bays is evident. Ken Moody and Chris Pasquarelli of Wantagh fished Bellmore Creek and 25 nice flounders bit the dust on Saturday. Frank also said that there is a hardy vote of thanks to Vince Russo, who assisted Dimi Casara of the Bellmore Rod & Gun Club, who fell overboard while flounder fishing on Saturday. His quick thinking saved Casara from going down as he could not swim.

NEW YORK BIGHT

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FREEPORT

Ray Link of Sea Isle reports the flounder fishing is excellent. George Schmidt of Freeport, fishing Swift Creek and Sea Dog Creek, loaded up all week with good sized fish.

Lou Stalker of Charvin Fishing Station called to tell us about John McCrea, vice president of the Freeport Tuna Club. Fishing at Swift Creek and Bay of Fundy, John filled a 5 gallon can to the rim; all keepers to 1½ lbs. Best fishing seems to be on the outgoing tide. Bart Yenna of Brooklyn, fishing with his father and two sons, brought in an excellent catch from the Baldwin Bay area. Fish from the Bay of Fundy seemed to be a bit larger than fish caught in other areas. Miss Ronnie Deluca of Bellmore christened her 22 ft. Mako with a fine catch of flounders at Wanser's Creek. Ronnie, being one of the top female anglers in our area, also took top honors at the Freeport Tuna Club's annual dinner held at the Knights of Columbus in Oceanside last week. Miss Deluca, along with numerous other trophies, took the top striped bass in the whole club, male members included. Her fish tipped the scales at 38 lbs. Joe Scalamandre of the C. Lea won the very generous door prize, two complete 4/0 outfits. Last, but not least, Don Butler, fishing behind his house in Baldwin Bay, caught the first two weakfish that I heard of this season. Worms were the bait.

Capt. Marty Dombrowski of the Woodcleft Charter Boats told me that this is one of the finest flounder seasons he has seen in years. Boats leaving his area are coming in with excellent catches, regardless of where they fish.

Richie Kessinger of the "Star Stream" had a decent day on Saturday. Fishing the Cholera area, Rich produced 16 cod up to 13 lbs. and ten blackfish up to 4 lbs. The increased bergall action proves that the bottom life is on the upswing. The six fares that Rich had were well satisfied. If the weather holds along with the fishing, Rich will start to run on a daily basis starting Thursday at 6:30 A.M.

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Sy Karlin of the "Blue Fin" made his first trip of the season this weekend. The Bay of Fundy and the Buoy 19 area of Reynolds Channel were the hotspots. Plenty of flounder in the 1 lb. class were taken. Clams and worms were the bait used, with worms producing best.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station assured us of the continued top flounder fishing in his area. The Flats at Middle Bay, Cinder Creek, Sea Dog Creek, and North Channel are producing the best catches this week. The better fishing has been west of the station. Boats are averaging ½ to 1 bushel of good sized fish.

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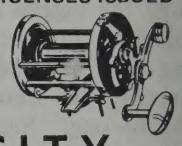

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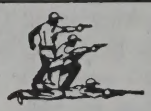

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ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station called in some interesting news; the first striped bass of the season were caught this week; both fish were shorts. The area around Buoy 8 produced the fish, and sandworms were the bait. Bob Spence of Rosedale, Lou Christiano of Staten Island, and Vic Quail of Brooklyn, fishing the Post Lead area brought in 140 good sized keepers on Saturday. The boats averaged 50 to 200 fish all week, weather permitting. The shallow water north of Buoy 5, opposite the Fire House, produced some above average catches. Bannister Creek was one of the slower areas. The outgoing tide was definitely the best; worms and clams, along with mussel chum, proved the best combo.

HOWARD BEACH

John Brando of Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop reports the flounder fishing is great. Good catches are still being made from the North and South Channel Bridges. Fish up to 2 lbs. are being caught in fair quantities. The action on herring is pretty slow, but there are still a few around.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Mike Maffia of Mike's Tackle spoke to Pat McBride, Mike Whaley and Toots Cammaratta, all of Brooklyn, and all exmates from the bay area. The boys fished the area around Breezy Point with very good results. 91 fish up to 1½ lbs. was their reward. The results of the Rangers offshore trip of last weekend were fair. Thirty to forty cod were brought in. Mike fished the 17 Fathoms area this Saturday with just about the same results.

Neil Lauro of Stella Maris Fishing Station had a new twist for us this week. One of the local boys caught two 1½ lb. lobsters in his crab trap. They were set inside the bay. Neil also told me that the Silver Hole area began producing again. Don D'Ambrico and Gary Goldberg returned with a level bushel, all caught at Silver Hole. Reports also show that the Manhattan Beach area is one of the hotspots.

Butch Gnad of the Bay End Dock fished the Sacllop Ridge area this week in his own boat with some success. Seven cod were brought in, all on the small side. Butch said most of the private boats fishing the same general area had similar catches.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reports an abundant supply of striped bass in the Great Kills Park area. The only problem is that most of the fish are shorts. The high outgoing tide seems to be the best time for the bass, especially if the tide is early. Most of the bass action is over by 9 A.M. Great flounder fishing still prevails in the same area, with a fair supply of tommy cods thrown in. Lenny will now be open at 7 A.M., Monday thru Friday and 6 A.M. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

SANDY HOOK

Joe of Julian's Bait & Tackle seems amazed at the fantastic flounder fishing around his area. The Rumson Bridge and Highlands Bridge areas are still the top places to be. Both tides are producing; worms and clams taking equal shares. Cleat on the Ranger and Whitey on the Miss Take, both head boats from Joe's area, are having fair action on the ling and whiting in the Buffer Buoy area.

NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

LONG BRANCH

A few ling are all that have been caught at the Long Branch Pier, due mostly to rough seas and a lot of wind. The ling are there, and whiting, too, says Kenny, and they should start hitting well as soon as the water conditions improve. Herring and squid are the baits to choose.

SEABRIGHT

Winter flounder fishing is good to excellent, depending on the weather, with generally larger fish being reported. Armand at Giglio's has confirmed a 3½ lb. striper from the Shrewsbury River, and other locals have reported shorts. Stripers will be in the surf along the Sandy Hook State Park down to Seabright any day now and at the tip of Sandy Hook.

MONMOUTH BEACH

Monmouth Bait & Tackle reported good flounder fishing all week long at the bridges crossing the Shrewsbury and Navesink Rivers, at Little Silver and out to Spermecetti Cove. Behind the Coast Guard Station was also good. Catches are running larger, with 1½ pounders average and an occasional 2 pounder. Spotty reports of bass, although the only action so far is at Leonardo.

BRIELLE

The flatfish are bigger at Point Pleasant and the Canal, too, reports Bob Voorhees of MV Tackle. Charter boats are still concentrating on small cod offshore.

TOMS RIVER

Northeast winds in the Bay slowed down the flounder men near the Mathis Bay Bridge and other locations near Toms River. However, for those who didn't mind the wind, fishing was good. Clam chumming helps and all the successful fishermen use it to their advantage. Stripers were reported to Ed Swartz of Bay Bridge Boats, taken at Good Luck Point. A 15 pounder raised some eyebrows, but most fish are shorts or up to 4 lbs.

SEASIDE PARK

Beach buggy fans are having a ball at the North Jetty at Barnagat Inlet in Island Beach State Park. Jeff Weast and Al Strack did well casting bloodworms on hi-lo rigs. Jean & Art's Tackle calls it "the best fishing in years." If you don't have a buggy, try area 21 in the Park. Stripers haven't been seen since last week at area 10.

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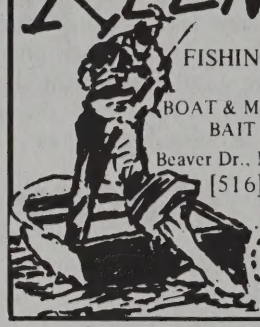

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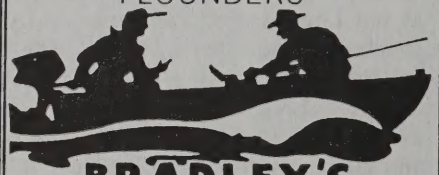

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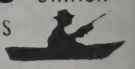

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BERKELEY

"Flounder by the bucketful," reports Bill Garey of Judy & Bill's Tackle. Fifty fish per man was the average for those using clams and bloodworms and chumming. Flounder are available in Barnegat Bay and at the Inlet. Surf casters haven't had a bass since last week, but fishing will pick up by the middle of the week.

LONG BEACH ISLAND

Bad weather coupled with some wind over the weekend put a damper on some of the flounder fishing. The fish are there in great numbers however, according to the Fishermen's Headquarters run by Vince Goddard. Chumming is the method to stock up on these tasty fish and as Vince puts it, "the more you chum, the more you catch." Try the bulkheads if you don't have a boat. These fish are almost everywhere.

MULLICA RIVER

Water temperatures are down to 45 degrees in Great Bay and the Mullica River, so striper fishing has slowed down. White bucktails and bloodworms are effective from Swan Bay on the Mullica down to the mouth of the River at Oyster Bed Pt., Graveling Pt., Deep Pt., and Swimming Over Pt. One of the boats rented at the Chestnut Neck Boat Yard had lots of flounder and 3 keeper bass to about 4 lbs. Stan Cramer of the yard suggested the Stink House, Little Egg Harbor Inlet and the Little Beach area for flounder.

GREAT BAY

Tom Henrich of the Great Bay Marina continues to weigh in stripers each weekend. Tom Henry had a nice 5 lb. 5 oz. catch and John Eggie had a small stringer of 3 to 4 lb. bass. Bloodworms account for most catches, with some caught on bucktails. Flounders are providing fast action at the Fish Factory (Stink House) and at Big Creek. White perch are mixed in with the flounder going to a pound or more.

MARGATE

Captain Andy's Marina reported good flounder fishing behind Ocean City, at the Margate Bridge and out in Riseling Channel. Cloudy and rainy weather delays the start of the bass run in this area.

CAPE MAY

Flounder are available at Sea Isle City and along the Cape May shores. Charter boats are ready to make some mackerel trips and these fish are expected shortly. Before visiting Cape May, write to the Public Relations Office at the Cape May Court House for a circular on their fishing contest.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

DICK ALLEY

NEW ROCHELLE

We called Cameron's Bait & Tackle in New Rochelle, N.Y., and heard pretty much what we were to hear up and down the line. Fishing isn't just good, it's great! At Cameron's, the lady put a just returned fisherman, Charlie Fleckhaus and his partner Mark Sieberg on the phone. They'd only been out a couple of hours, and fishing near the houseboats, in sight of the New York Athletic Club, they had better than 60 fresh flatties, averaging from a ½ to 1 pound.

MAMARONECK

Fred Archer was in his usual smiling mood at Mamaroneck Fishing Station, and I'm sure the fact that these fish are a couple of weeks ahead of themselves has something to do with it. Fred told of a fisherman who'd just renewed his bait supply after fishing the pier on the harbor. He already had 22 flounder, one of which was well over a pound. Fred has all of his boats in the water and ready to go.

GREENWICH

Russ Van Wynen at the Sportsman's Den in Cos Cob is also receiving fine flounder reports, both from the Mianus River and in Greenwich Cove. By now we're pretty well convinced that flounder are running bigger than usual this year, and Russ tells us they're nice and firm for good eating.

STAMFORD

Pat Chirillo at Pat's Marina has been working all week getting his boats ready, and though he's been too tired to do any fishing himself, his bait customers keep coming back for more.

At Jack's Bait & Tackle, Jack reports great flounder fishing at Cummings Pier, Weed Beach and Cove Beach.

DARIEN

The Bait Shop will have bait for the weekend. Burt Van Sciver had many requests last week, and with mid-week reports showing flounder hitting just about everywhere, Burt and I almost forgot to schedule a trout trip to N.Y. State.

NORWALK

No matter where we call in Norwalk, all hands point to the fishing pier at Calf Pasture in Norwalk's Calf Pasture Beach. Rita Utz at Four Winds Bait & Tackle has had excellent reports coming in, and so has Gloria Borges at the Tackle Box. Overton's Boat Rentals should be reserved for weekends, and at Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle I spoke with Rick, who told of the biggest one so far this year. It was a 2¼ lb. flounder, and the expert fisherman was Capt. Spriggs. He was using the drifting method, but it was near the pier.

Frank Merlo called in to report a catch of 64 nice sized flounder, ranging in size from 1 to 2½ lbs. Frank fished out of Overton's Livery.

WESTPORT

The Saugatuck River has slowed in action, which means the fish are moving to the outside early. I was completely convinced of this when Ed Boland of the Westport Tackle Shop told of Len Orifice's catch from a boat in the Cows near Pen-

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field. An hour and a half of fishing brought Lenny 17 flats, none smaller than a pound, and three scaling over 2 pounds. Ed told of more action near Sunken Island, and with the areas around Sprite Island and the mouth of the river near Seymour's Rock yet to be tried, it looks like a big weekend ahead.

BRIDGEPORT

Bob Zam Pidri at Bob's Bait tells of good action off the jetty at the mouth of South Benson Harbor, and at St. Mary's By The Sea.

At the Sportsman's Den, I spoke with Steve who told of some good action in Milford. Milford Harbor, and the beaches are both paying off. Stowie had seen one boat a hundred yards off Russian Beach pulling in one after another.

STRATFORD

Housatonic Marina is receiving some good fishing reports too. Boat fishing is the best just outside the beaches. The marina has boats in the water for rent now too.

QUINCY, MASS.

We called Walt Hurley at Hurley's Boat Livery, who told of mixed bags of cod and flounder, with steady action. He already has 30 boats in the water, and plans many more for the season just as soon as he can get them in the water. Walt is sending along a list of motels and restaurants in the area, and I'll pass them along as soon as they arrive.

RHODE ISLAND

Tommy Rockovansky was one of a group trying the ponds at Charleston and Quonnie over the weekend, and reported poor fishing from shore, but that the anglers fishing from boats were coming in with good catches. The salt ponds are a short-lived fling at spring flounder, offering fabulous fishing for a few days. Once the flounder move into the Atlantic, fishing fades fast, so I'd tend to discourage a trip for the coming weekend. Another week or two though, and they'll be feeding near the beaches. Then again, another couple of weeks might bring to life some of those bass and mackerel rumors that are beginning to pop. It looks like this will be a season to blow the lid off.

The party boats are the pros when it comes to catching flounder, and this year is no exception. Tom Duscio has returned from Florida, and he is running the "Theresa-L" daily to great flounder fishing out of Norwalk. Skipper John Minnitti of the "Delmar" out of Greenwich is having similar success, with everybody coming home with full fish bags on each trip out. On the "Theresa-L" last week, Bob Fibel and son totaled 55 flats averaging about a pound.

It looks like the start of a bonus year. The weather has been great, the water temperature is already over the 40 degree mark, and we're hearing rumors of stripers and mackerel. So far, they're just that, rumors. Yet, with these rapidly warming temperatures we should be into a bang-up season almost before we know it. Are you ready?

FUND, (Females United at Nature's Door) is now an official organization, open to membership. Any woman interested in the environment is welcome to join. Whether you fish or not, makes no difference. This group was formed by ladies who are aware of what's happening to our environment, and what effect it could have on their children. They are alarmed, and are doing something about it. Anyone interested can contact Mrs. Gloria Borges, Norwalk, Conn., (203) 866-8563.

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North Shore Reports

SCOTT SIMONS

GREENPORT

White's Tackle in Greenport reported that all the boats out over the weekend did well, with Deering Harbor and Fanning Point producing best. Crab Creek and South Ferry were also good. The flounders were of nice size and mussels and skimmer clams did the job on them.

SHELTER ISLAND

The Shelter Island Marina reported a good weekend in Smith's Cove and near Marion, with plenty of large flounder for all, although Sunday's weather slowed the fun. Mussels and worms were doing the taking.

SOUTHOLD

The Port of Egypt Fishing Station says the boats did very well (even in Sunday's rain). Flounder were taken at South Ferry, east of the Greenport Jetty and at Jessups Neck. Worms did the trick and the fish averaged 1½ lbs. A 3 lb. 3 oz. flattie was the largest fish taken over the weekend.

"Mate" and Jack Darragh of 'Mr. Marine' in Freeport with 54 flounders, caught at Jessups Neck on mussels while drifting on March 29th. The largest went 2 lbs. 10½ ozs. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt Fishing Station, Southold.

PORT JEFFERSON

The Caraftis Fishing Station reported plenty of flounders at Setauket Harbor and Conscience Bay. Sandowrms fished at the start of the outgoing tide are working best.

NORTHPORT

The Chainlocker reported that Saturday produced good flounder action at the town dock. Some of the kids there were catching so many, they were selling their catch. The flounder action is good along the beach; in fact, the whole area is loaded with flounders. Sandworms are best for bait.

SMITHTOWN

Beacon Fishing Station tells us that the flounder action is good in the river, but still spotty outside in the Sound. Chumming with mussels while using worm baits is doing the trick.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of Vets Fishing Station reports plenty of flounder, but few fishermen, due to the weather. Sandworms are taking plenty of fish right in the harbor. Two men brought in 2 bushels of flounder in the 1 lb. class over the weekend.

Young Jan Vernick, of Greenvale, N.Y., with a nice catch of flounders, caught near Bayville Bridge, from a skiff rented at the Bridge Fishing Station. Sandworms were the bait, catfood the chum.

GLEN COVE

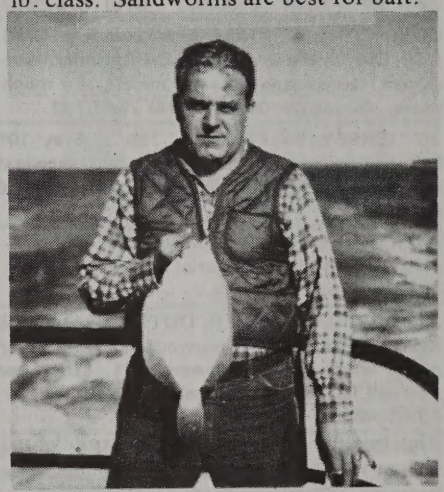
John Cacciola of Glen Cove Sports says Prybil Beach is producing plenty of flounder in the ¾ pound class. The action has increased strongly over the past week, and sandworms and mussels are doing the catching. The first reports of blackfish action are beginning to drift in.

WHITESTONE

Vets Fishing Station reported plenty of tommy cod and flounder taking sandworm and mussel baits. Some small stripers, from shorts to fish in the 20 inch class, are making their presence felt.

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle tells us that the flounder fishing is exceptionally good this year. Orchard Beach is producing plenty of flounder in the 1 to 1½ lb. class. Sandworms are best for bait.



Avelino Larangeira with his 2 lb. 14 oz. flounder, one of 30 nice fish he caught aboard the 'North Star,' sailing from Jack's Bait & Tackle, City Island.

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VERPLANCK

Charlie White of Ace & Charlie's happily reported that stripers were being caught at the usual spring beach fishing locations. Crugers, Oscawanna and the Harmon RR Yard have been giving up bass all week long. Bait fishermen are using sandworms because of their larger size, while lure fanciers are hitting bass on white 3/8 oz. bucktails. The oyster beds have seen little action as yet, but Charlie has only rented one skiff so far, which came back with a bass, so it's hard to tell.

CROTON POINT

Wally Chudkosky and his buddy Pat Bacon have been casting bucktails nearly every day along the RR tracks with some success reports Pat Ferris of the Croton Bait Shop. Their largest so far is a fat 7½ pounder. Cartoppers should be fishing the bay right now. It looks like we'll be off to a good start this season although the schools of bass haven't yet congregated and the fish are isolated.

OSSINING

Tony, Jr. at Tony's Bait & Tackle took a few hours off to nail a keeper bass off Crawbuckie Beach. Mike Merolla and Gene Garafano fished on Tuesday night, taking some 3-4 pound bass. Other reports had spotty fishing at Scarborough. We couldn't get their names, but beach fishermen watched a cartopper net bass on Thursday night at the RR Bridge.

FORT LEE

Stripers are hitting sand and bloodworms from the Interstate Park down to Edgewater is the word from Ed Graser at the Outdoorsmen Ltd. Most fish are shorts but a few keepers up to 5 pounds have been reported. Tommy cod continue to hit well and perch and catfish are expected any day.

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STRIPED BASS FUND PREPARES FOR ACTION

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In its second monthly meeting, the Striped Bass Fund has extended its board of directors to ten coastal states.

"From California to Oregon and from North Carolina to Maine, we are preparing for action to protect the coastal fisheries," stated Al Reinfleder, president of the new organization.

Summarizing the immediate and overwhelming response to the Fund, announced in December, 1972, Mr. Reinfelder continued, "In January, 1973, we held our first meeting at the College of Mount St. Vincent, in Riverdale, New York, to formalize the idea conceived at a striped bass symposium the month before.

"At that meeting, 27 men representing fishing clubs, beach buggy associations, conservation and other interested groups from 5 states met, electing officers and directors. They began the work of hammering out details of an action organization. The February 10th meeting at the college completed the basic organization and added directors from 5 more states."

The purpose of the Striped Bass Fund, it was explained, is to sponsor research, education, and where necessary, legal talent to protect the striper fishery, its spawning and nursery waters, and to some extent, the coastal fishery in general. Directors throughout both coastal regions will identify problems affecting the striped bass, help to establish priorities, and organize for appropriate action.

"We're not attempting to start another association," Mr. Reinfelder said, "though we've been joined by some of the most active fishermen in the coastal states. Instead, the Fund's work will begin with an examination of the problem areas on the Hudson River, on the Potomac and on the rest of the Cheasapeake Bay, and in San Francisco Bay. We intend to help stimulate action to prevent damage to these vital fisheries.

"Fishermen have accepted regulation to prevent depletion of the striped bass fishery. It's time similar protective measures are imposed on industry. In most instances progress and growth can avoid the destruction caused by the man-made predators of polluting industry, utilities, and careless municipalities."

The Fund's officers and directors are: President, Al Reinfelder, Little Neck, New York; Vice President, Pat Carroll, Fairfield, Connecticut, and Fred Walczyk, Bayonne, New Jersey; Secretary.Martin Lyford, Rumson, New Jersey; Treasurer, Pete Barrett, Rockleigh, New Jersey; Directors, (California) Phil Clock and Larry Green, (Connecticut) Dick Alley and Buzz Harris, (District of Columbia) George Reiger, (Marine) Nim Marsh, (Massachusetts) Spider Anderson and Bob Pond, (New Hampshire) Pete Laszlo, (New York) Ken Bay, Bob Boyle, Fletcher Bedell, Art Glowka, Rich Reina, and Fred Schwab, (New Jersey) Al Ristori, (North Carolina) Ken Lauer, (Oregon) Don Holm, (Rhode Island) Art Lavallee.

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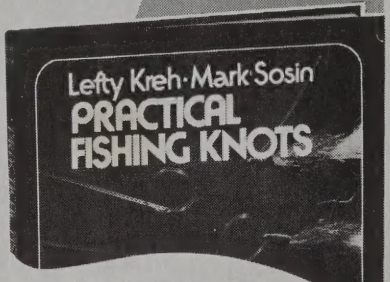

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Fri.	9:47	10:06
Sat.	10:44	11:02
Sun.	11:45	------
Mon.	12:03	12:47
Tues.	1:06	1:51
Wed.	2:12	2:58
Thur.	3:20	4:05

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ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
Bergen Beach	+0	29
J.F.K. Airport	+0	26
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Seaford Harbor	+2	05
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West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potuak Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	------	12:16
Fri.	12:34	1:04
Sat.	1:23	1:57
Sun.	2:16	2:58
Mon.	3:18	4:18
Tues.	4:47	5:58
Wed.	6:26	7:12
Thur.	7:37	8:09

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	------	12:27
Fri.	12:43	1:16
Sat.	1:32	2:09
Sun.	2:29	3:09
Mon.	3:30	4:14
Tues.	4:39	5:20
Wed.	5:46	6:24
Thur.	6:53	7:25

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	10:26	10:43
Fri.	11:17	11:31
Sat.	------	12:12
Sun.	12:30	1:14
Mon.	1:33	2:22
Tues.	2:43	3:34
Wed.	3:59	4:43
Thur.	5:08	5:42

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
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